

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1        1.     A method for conducting a transaction comprising:  
2        receiving an order to deliver a good;  
3        receiving authorization to request payment from an account;  
4        generating a ticket containing information relating to the authorization;  
5        delivering the ordered good;  
6        reading the ticket;  
7        requesting payment upon delivery from the account.

1        2.     The method of Claim 1, wherein the act of receiving authorization  
2        comprises receiving authorization to charge the account and the act of  
3        requesting payment comprises charging the account.

1        3.     The method of Claim 2, wherein further comprises placing a hold  
2        on the account for a purchase price of the good.

1        4.     The method of Claim 1, wherein the act of receiving authorization  
2        comprises receiving authorization to draw funds on the account and the act of  
3        requesting payment comprises drawing funds on the account.

1        5.     The method of Claim 1, further comprising authorizing release of  
2        the good only if the request for payment is approved.

1        6.     The method of Claim 1, wherein the act of shipping comprises  
2        generating a ticket to be associated with the good, the ticket having readable  
3        information representing payment data, and the act of requesting payment  
4        comprises reading the ticket upon delivery and requesting payment according to  
5        the payment information.

1        7. The method of Claim 6, wherein the tag further contains readable  
2 information representing buyer and good data, the method further comprises  
3 registering the good according to the buyer and good data upon delivery.

1               8.     The method of Claim 1, further comprising, upon delivery of the  
2     good, recording a recipient's physical location to verify that the good has been  
3     delivered to a correct address.

1           9.     The method of Claim 1, further comprising determining a delivery  
2 time and calculating a purchase price according to the delivery time and wherein  
3 the act of requesting payment comprises requesting payment in the amount of  
4 the calculated purchase price.

1           10. A computer program product for triggering payment for delivered  
2 goods, the product comprising a computer useable medium having machine  
3 readable instructions thereon for:

4 reading a ticket associated with the goods, the ticket having information  
5 representing payment data for the delivered goods; and  
6 initiating payment for the delivered goods according to the information.

1        11. The product of Claim 10, wherein the payment data includes  
2 authorization to draw funds on a debit account and the instructions for initiating  
3 payment comprise instructions for prompting the drawing of funds on the  
4 account.

1           12. The product of Claim 10, wherein the payment data includes  
2 authorization to draw funds on a credit account and the instructions for initiating  
3 payment comprise instructions for prompting the charging of the account.

1           13. The product of Claim 10, comprising further instructions for  
2 verifying payment and authorizing release of the goods only upon verification.

1           14. The product of Claim 10, comprising further instructions for  
2 acquiring the physical location of a recipient of the delivered goods.

1           15. The product of Claim 10, wherein the ticket further includes  
2 information representing buyer and good data, the product comprising further  
3 instructions initiating registration of the delivered goods according to the buyer  
4 and goods data.

1           16. The product of Claim 10, comprising further instructions for  
2 determining a delivery time and calculating a purchase price according to the  
3 delivery time, and wherein the instructions for initiating payment comprise  
4 prompting payment in the amount of the calculated purchase price.

1           17. A system for payment of delivered goods comprising:  
2           a ticket delivered with the goods, the ticket containing information  
3 representing an account from which payment for the goods will be received; and  
4           a delivery device operable to read the ticket upon delivery of the goods  
5 and to trigger payment from the account.

1           18. The system of Claim 17, wherein the delivery device includes:  
2           a reader operable to read the information from the ticket; and  
3           a payment trigger operable to initiate payment from the account.

1           19. The system of Claim 18, further comprising a payment verifier in  
2 communication with the reader and operable to verify payment from the account  
3 and to authorize release of the goods only upon verification.

1           20. The system of Claim 18, further comprising a position locator in  
2 communication with the reader operable to identify the physical location of the  
3 recipient of the goods as the reader reads the ticket.

1           21. The system of Claim 18 wherein the ticket further contains  
2 information representing buyer and good data, and the delivery device is further  
3 operable to read the buyer and good data; the system further comprising a  
4 registration service in communication with the reader and operable to generate  
5 registration data according to the buyer and good data.

1           22. The system of Claim 18, wherein delivery device further includes  
2 an interface operable facilitate electronic communication between the delivery  
3 device and one or more other devices.

1           23. The system of Claim 18, further comprising a pricing service in  
2 communication with the reader and the payment trigger, the pricing service  
3 operable to determine a delivery time and to calculate purchase price according  
4 to the delivery time, the payment trigger being further operable to initiate  
5 payment from the account in the amount of the calculated purchase price.